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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: **A SUPPORT DEVICE, WITH DAMPING, FOR A MOBILE PART OF AN EXERCISE APPARATUS**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following election is being made in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, in which the Office Action identified five (5) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Office Action required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. The five species (5) identified in the Office Action are:

Species 1, Figures 1-4, 13 and 14 recited in claims 20, 22, 25, 28;

Species 2, Figure 5 recited in claims 20, 23, 24, and 26;

Species 3, Figure 6 recited in claim 20;

Species 4, Figures 7-8 recited in claims 29, 30, and 31; and

Species 5, Figure 9 recited in claims 20, 21, and 27.